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Material for this department should be in the hands of Miss Thornton before the fifteenth of the month, and last items and very brief announcements must reach the Editor-in-Chief at Rochester not later than the twentieth of the month preceding the date of issue.—Ed.]

THE SOCIETY OF SUPERINTENDENTS OF TRAINING-SCHOOLS

At the last annual meeting of this society the date for the next convention was set for January, 1905, and the place chosen was Washington; since that time the Associated Alumnae held its annual meeting in Philadelphia, and it also selected Washington as the place in which to hold its next convention and settled upon the month of May. Not wishing to tax the well-known hospitality of the Washington people by asking them to open their doors for us twice within six months, it was decided by the council to postpone the meeting of the Superintendents, arranged for January, to a later date, when it can hold its sessions during the same week with the Associated Alumnae. The change is in every way for the better. Washington at any time is delightful, but in early May it leaves little to be desired, and it is wise that these two large societies, growing in strength and importance, with a common work before them, so far as all great matters are concerned, should occasionally hold their meetings at about the same time.

THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE LAST CONVENTION

The report of the very interesting convention of the society, held in Pittsburg last October, was finally received from the publisher in June. Noting that the demands for the reports of previous conventions has been rapidly increasing beyond our power in many instances to supply, we have published this year a larger edition than usual. We are therefore able to dispose of a certain number of copies of these reports, and will send to those desiring them until our extra copies are exhausted. The price is one dollar, which includes postage, and the book may be obtained by applying to the secretary of the society, Miss M. A. Nutting, Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Md.

MARYLAND STATE NURSES

At a meeting of the Maryland State Board of Examiners of Nurses, held on July 26, 1904, Miss Anna B. Rutherford, a graduate of the Johns Hopkins Hospital Training-School for Nurses, was elected president, and Miss Mary C. Packard, a graduate of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training-School for Nurses, was elected secretary and treasurer.

The other members of the board are Miss E. M. Lawler, Johns Hopkins Hospital; Miss E. J. Daly, University of Maryland Hospital; Miss Agnes Maupin, University of Maryland Hospital.

NEW YORK SCHOOL NURSES' REPORT

THE school nurses were assigned to special work among children during July and August.

The city was divided into districts, and house-to-house visits were made by medical inspectors to ascertain the number of children under one year of age. Where a child was found showing any gastro-intestinal disturbance a report was made to the Health Department and a nurse sent at once to give whatever advice was necessary. She instructed the mother in preparing milk, food, etc., in giving baths, and in proper ventilation. She was provided with milk and ice tickets for distribution, as well as tickets for the St. John's Guild boats, or floating hospitals, as they are sometimes called. Many letters and cards have been received by the department asking that nurses be sent to show mothers how to prepare the milk for the babies.

A large number of very sick children have been taken care of, considering the weather has been so cool during the summer. When not actively engaged in looking after the sick children the nurses have assisted the inspectors in their work.

L. L. R.

NEW YORK STATE NURSES' ASSOCIATION

Will all members of the New York State Nurses' Association who have changed their addresses kindly notify the secretary; also will all who have registered kindly send number and date of certificate of registration to

MARGARET SUTHERLAND, Secretary,
219 West Twenty-third Street, New York City.

VIRGINIA STATE NURSES

MISS ETHEL SMITH, Norfolk Protestant Hospital, Norfolk, Va., will attend to the duties of secretary of the Nurses' Examining Board of Virginia for the next six weeks, during Miss De Lancey's absence at her home in Nova Scotia. All communications addressed to Miss Smith will receive prompt attention.

Miss de Lancey's address after her return, November 1, will be No. 7 Boulevard, Portsmouth, Va.

NEW YORK STATE NURSES

THE semi-annual meeting of the New York State Nurses' Association will be held October 18 in the League for Political Education, 23 West Forty-fourth Street, the morning session opening at ten A.M. and the afternoon at two P.M. An attractive feature of the afternoon will be an address by Dr. J. A. Miller on the "Modern Treatment of Tuberculosis," treating especially of the work now being done in New York State. Reports also will be given by visiting nurses to tuberculosis patients.

MARGARET SUTHERLAND, Secretary.

DONATIONS received for the Course in Hospital Economics since June 1, 1904:

Miss A. C. Maxwell.....	\$10 00
A Friend, through Miss Maxwell.....	10 00
Miss A. D. Van Vost.....	5 00
Miss Louise Niebubo.....	5 00
Miss Annie Goodrich.....	15 00
Miss L. L. Dock.....	25 00
Miss Lucy Walker.....	5 00
Miss S. F. Palmer.....	5 00
Miss I. R. Palmer.....	5 00

THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL OF NURSES

THE letter which follows has been received by Miss Nutting, the president of the American Federation of Nurses. It is of interest to every member of the two societies of which the federation is at present composed—viz., the Society of Superintendents and the Associated Alumna—as calling attention to the purpose for which our federation was formed. It was our hope then to enter into international relationship with the great organizations of nurses of other countries as soon as their growth made it possible. It speaks volumes for the progress achieved by nurses in Europe that we may now begin to look forward to a day—and it seems not far distant—when we shall have a gathering together of these bodies of nurses of all countries, a roll-call of the sisterhood which is growing so tremendous in numbers, influence, and opportunities.

“To the President and Members of the Committee of the American Federation of Nurses.

MADAM PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS: At the recent meeting of the International Council of Nurses in Berlin, after hearing reports from different countries, and finding that England and Germany had formed organizations on national lines, the following motion was proposed by Miss Isla Stewart, seconded by Miss Dock, and carried unanimously:

“That invitations be officially sent to the American Federation of Nurses, the Provisional Committee of the National Council of Nurses of England, and the German Nurses' Association, inviting them to affiliate with the International Council of Nurses.' I have great pleasure in transmitting this resolution to you and in asking you to act upon same, and in so doing may express the ardent hope that it will be acted upon affirmatively.

“At no time since Miss Nightingale created a new order in nursing have nursing affairs been so intensely interesting as at present. In almost every European country some process of reform or regeneration is going on akin to our own effort for registration. In Italy three trained nurses—one English, one German, and one American—are bringing in the modern methods and are planting them in the midst of thousand-year-old customs. In France the monastic orders have been removed from the hospitals and the authorities are struggling with a perfectly enormous problem of education and training. Two demonstrations of the training of gentlewomen as nurses are being conducted there, one in Bordeaux and one in Paris, and, as in Italy, these small plants must be looked to to regenerate the rest. In Germany trained nursing has advanced far in discipline and in system, but largely under forms which have kept the nurses in a condition of entire dependency, and lately many of the intelligent and pro-

gressive ones among them, aided by the German Council of Women, have asserted their right to economic freedom, their right to organize and govern themselves after graduation, and have declared the necessity of a more uniform training and of State protection. This assertion of independence has been truly a revolution in Germany, and the leaders have had to endure contumely and persecution. In England the movement for State registration is meeting with bitter opposition in certain quarters. Such opposition as we have met at home will help us to understand the source and motives of opposition here, as in all countries the problem is the same, only differing in degree but not in kind.

"In spite of obstacles, the State Society for Registration has waged a brilliant campaign, and has succeeded in so arousing the public that a select committee of the House of Commons has been appointed to inquire into the subject. This committee is now taking evidence. To witness all these efforts drives one to the irresistible conclusion that mutual encouragement and support of one another is urgently demanded. In many ways Americans are in a better and more independent condition than the nurses of any European country. This being so, we may be of the greatest help to our struggling fellow-workers in their efforts at reform. Moral support alone is worth much, as we found in Germany, and as, with men of affairs, actual numbers count for much, every thousand, every hundred women even, that we can total up as being united in their desires and aims will help to bring about more quickly the reforms which each country is working for.

"With the hope that we shall soon have an effective union of national councils, most sincerely yours,

"L. L. Dock, Secretary."

CONNECTICUT STATE MEETING

REPORT of the second quarterly meeting of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Connecticut:

The Convention of the Graduate Nurses' Association of Connecticut met at Bridgeport on Wednesday, September 14. It was a most enthusiastic, interesting meeting. Mrs. Mary I. Fuller, of Hartford, opened the meeting by introducing Rev. Mr. Davenport, who pronounced the invocation.

Mr. W. W. Jones, superintendent of the Bridgeport Hospital, followed with an address of welcome. He also spoke most encouragingly to the association of the value of their work to the hospitals, and especially the aid to the nurses of the future by raising the standard of the training-schools and by securing registration for graduate nurses.

A report of the Executive Board showed that a line of work had been arranged by them and much work done in a quiet way during the summer.

Mrs. Emma M. Stowe, of New Haven, chairman of the Legislative Committee, read the proposed Registration Bill. The balance of the morning was devoted to the discussion of this bill. Opinions were freely expressed. It was decided to mail each member of the association a copy of this bill, that all may be thoroughly familiar with it and be better prepared to discuss it at the next meeting.

A luncheon was served the association by the Bridgeport alumnae, and then all enjoyed a trolley-ride to the Bridgeport Hospital.

The Executive Board went into session. The regular routine business was transacted.

The afternoon session was largely attended. Dr. N. E. Wordin, of Bridge-

port, made a bright, interesting address. He spoke of the proposed bill and of the commendable efforts of the nurses in raising their profession to such a high standard. Miss Inez Damer, president of the Graduate Nurses' Association of New York, gave a very interesting talk on the lines followed by her association. Her entertaining and instructive remarks were listened to with attention.

A committee was appointed to see about having the association incorporated, to report at the next meeting.

The Legislative Committee has issued a circular, which was distributed among those present, and is to be circulated freely throughout the State.

The next meeting will be held in New Haven, November 9, as guests of the New Haven Hospital.

E. L. FOELKER, Corresponding Secretary.

REGULAR MEETINGS

BROOKLYN.—At a special meeting of the directors of the Long Island College Hospital Alumnae, held August 9, Miss Regina Kelley was appointed registrar in place of Miss Nelson, resigned, and is to enter upon her duties on September 1. The first regular meeting of the alumnae after the summer vacation was held at the Registry on Tuesday, September 13, when there was a large attendance, Miss Anna Davids, the president, in the chair. The usual reports having been read, those present alluded to several plans for improving the efficiency of the association, in respect to which many suggestions were made by the members present. A vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to Miss Nelson for the very satisfactory manner in which she had discharged her duties as superintendent of the registry during the first year of its existence. It was unanimously resolved to send a telegram of congratulation to Miss Gertrude Cameron, one of the members of the alumnae, who was to be married at Russell, Ontario, on the following day, the 14th inst. At the close of the meeting a very happy social hour was spent by the members.

PHILADELPHIA.—The regular meeting of the Alumnae of University Hospital was held on Monday, September 5, 1904, at three P.M., in the Nurses' Home. In the absence of the president the meeting was called to order by Miss Anna E. Brobson, first vice-president. The minutes of the June meeting were accepted as read, and the usual routine business was transacted. The Committee on Revision of Constitution and By-Laws reported through its chairman, Miss Anna E. Brobson. The constitution was read and accepted on motion. The reading of the by-laws followed, and on motion they were held over until the October meeting. Miss Hayberger applied for membership in the Alumnae Association. Miss Brobson, president of the Graduate Nurses' Association of the State of Pennsylvania, announced that the annual meeting of the association will be held in Philadelphia on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, October 26, 27, and 28, and urged all nurses to attend all the sessions. The meeting then adjourned.

MINNEAPOLIS.—The Graduate Nurses' Association of Hennepin County held its fourth annual meeting on Thursday, September 8. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Miss Bertha Erdmann; first vice-president, Miss Edith Rommell; second vice-president, Miss Cora Smith; secretary, Mrs. Charlotte Roberts; treasurer, Miss Elva Bosworth. After the

business meeting the president and first vice-president made addresses, impressing upon the members how important it was to get all graduates into the organization and to help further the work of the profession. The association now has full control of the registry, which formerly was managed by the physicians. It now numbers sixty members. The next step is towards getting the organization on a strong foundation, then State association and registration.

ST. PAUL.—The annual meeting of the Ramsey County Graduate Nurses' Association was held in the rooms of the Medical Library on Thursday, September 1. The reports from the secretary, treasurer, and registrar were very encouraging. At present there is an active membership of one hundred and seven. Eight of the members were married during the year, and eight new members were admitted. The officers elected for the year are: President, Mary Wood; vice-president, May Jones; secretary, Grace Watson; treasurer, Emily Woodman; Executive Committee—E. A. Dickman, K. Galway, E. Redpath, E. Durkee, and L. Holl.

NEW YORK.—The regular monthly meeting of the New York City Training-School Alumnae was held at the Academy of Medicine on September 13, 1904. A fair number of the members was present. After the usual routine of business was through with, Miss Florence Corbett, the dietetician of the Department of Public Charities, proceeded to give a very interesting talk on the science of the preparation of food. After adjournment a delightful reunion was held in the banquet-hall, and all enjoyed the refreshments provided by Miss Gilmour and Miss Greener.

BIRTHS

IN September, to Mr. and Mrs. John R. C. Boyer, a daughter. Mrs. Boyer was Miss Tuthill, of the Johns Hopkins, Class of 1902.

MARRIAGES

MISS JANE GEORGE ROBERTS, a graduate of the Faxon Hospital Training-School for Nurses, Class of 1899, was married on September 5 to Mr. Edward Trossett, of Brooklyn, N. Y. Mr. and Mrs. Trossett, after an extended wedding-trip, will reside in Brooklyn, N. Y.

IN Mansfield, Mass., September 7, Miss Harriott Boss Pearce to Dr. Donald Churchill, of Providence, R. I. Miss Pearce was a graduate of the Rhode Island Hospital Training-School, Class of 1900, afterwards assistant superintendent of nurses for four years.

THE marriage of Miss Helen Irwin, Class of 1902, Lebanon Training-School, New York City, to Dr. L. Miller Kahn, of Memphis, Tenn., will take place in New York City October 5. Dr. Kahn is an ex-house-surgeon of Lebanon Hospital.

AT Brantford, Ontario, August 24, 1904, Miss Beatrice Walker, graduate of the Lakeside Hospital School for Nurses, Cleveland, O., Class of 1901, to Mr. John G. W. Cowles, Cleveland, O.

IN Manila, P. I., August 3, 1904, Mattie Pannill (Army Nurse Corps) to William L. Lowe, first lieutenant Thirteenth Cavalry, U. S. Army.

IN Manila, P. I., August 31, 1904, Eva Trenholm, late chief nurse First Reserve Hospital, to Charles Green, attorney-at-law, Manila, P. I.

IN Canandaigua, N. Y., August 24, Miss Florence McWilliams, Class of 1899, Homeopathic Hospital, Rochester, to Dr. R. F. Hovey.

IN Brockville, Ont., August 10, Miss Mary Florence Macdonald, graduate of St. Luke's Hospital, Utica, 1901, to Mr. Theodore H. Miller.

IN Hammondsport, N. Y., September 14, Miss Harriet G. Bedell, graduate of the City Hospital, Rochester, to Mr. James D. Miller.

OBITUARY

At a meeting of the Guild of St. Barnabas, called at the residence of Miss Goodwin, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"WHEREAS, It has pleased Divine Providence to remove from our midst our beloved chaplain, the Rev. J. W. Moore, the organizer of this branch of the guild, and

"WHEREAS, By his earnest efforts he has promoted the success of the guild, and has brought the members closer together, and given them the benefits of his kindly advice, and

"WHEREAS, By his uniform consideration and courtesy he has endeared himself to the heart of every member, each of whom feels that in his death she has lost a stanch friend and co-worker, who was ever ready with hand and heart to help her in her calling. Therefore be it

"Resolved, That in the Rev. Mr. Moore's death the nurses of St. Barnabas Guild have lost a friend whose place cannot be filled, and that we extend to his widow and family our heartfelt sympathy, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes, and that a copy thereof be transmitted to the bereaved family, and also to the chaplain-general of the guild, to THE AMERICAN JOURNAL OF NURSING, and to the Diocese of Louisiana.

"N. BROWN,

"E. SANSUM,

"F. M. QUAIFFE,

"C. GOODWIN,

"Committee on Resolutions."

It was with deep regret that the Alumnae Association of the Paterson General Hospital learned of the death of Miss Elsie B. Post, which occurred at the home of her parents, Paterson, N. J., August 11, 1904.

Miss Post graduated from the Training-School of the Paterson General Hospital in the Class of 1900, and did private work in this city for two years, when she contracted typhoid fever, from which she recovered after a hard struggle, only to find herself a prey to pulmonary tuberculosis, to which she succumbed after a lingering illness.

She was a most successful nurse in private practice until her illness began over a year ago, and endeared herself to her patients, friends, and classmates by her bright and genial disposition.

The following resolutions were adopted at a special meeting of the Alumnae Association of the Paterson General Hospital:

"WHEREAS, Death has removed from our circle a most esteemed member:

"Resolved, That we in the loss of so true a friend record our great sorrow and extend to the family of Miss Post our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of sorrow.

"MARGARET SHERWOOD,
"ISABELLA T. TURNBULL,
"MABEL R. BRAZIER."

It is with deep sorrow that the members of the Class of 1905 of the New York Post-Graduate Hospital Training-School for Nurses mourn the loss of their friend and classmate, Sallie E. Dower, who died at her home in Bayonne, N. J., on August 30, 1904.

Miss Dower, with her happy and sunny disposition, was beloved not only by the members of her own class, but also by all the nurses of her school and those with whom she came in contact.

By her bright smile and winning manner she won the confidence and love of all her patients. She was a cheerful, indefatigable worker, showing great patience, personal interest, and kindness in her work.

Although we feel that our loss is her gain, we can well say of Miss Dower that "none knew her but to love her, none named her but to praise."

CLASS OF 1905.

SEPTEMBER 12, Ellen Lyle Norris, aged one year, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Norris, of Baltimore. Mrs. Norris was Miss Perkins, of the Johns Hopkins, Class of 1897.

